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Customer No. 33000

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Conal P. Walsh  
Serial No.: 09/448,508  
Filed: November 24, 1999  
For: APPLICATION OF SPEED READING TECHNIQUES IN  
TEXT-TO-SPEECH GENERATION  
Group No.: 2654  
Examiner: Angela A. Armstrong

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

No fees are believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0208. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is needed, the extension is requested and please charge the fee for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of January 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: